



Poisson Image Editing

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Poisson Equation

- Poisson equation natural in many CV applications
- Psychology: Human eyes perceive strongly only the second order changes in intensity
- Useful in image editing

The Idea: Guided Interpolation

- Let $S(x,y)$ be the domain of the image, Ω be a subset of the domain on which we want to edit the image.
- There is a known image f^* on S/Ω . We need to find the image f on Ω such that f resembles some known g .

The Idea: Guided Interpolation

- Let $\mathbf{v} = \text{grad}(g)$



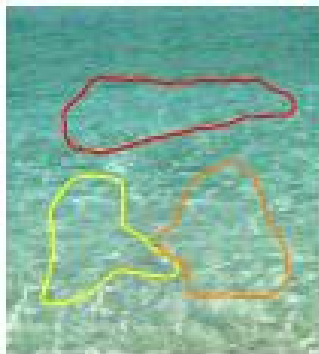
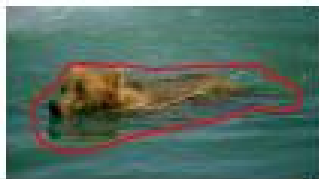
$$\min_f \iint_{\Omega} |\nabla f - \mathbf{v}|^2 \text{ with } f|_{\partial\Omega} = f^*|_{\partial\Omega},$$

- which is equivalent to:

$$\Delta f = \text{div} \mathbf{v} \text{ over } \Omega, \text{ with } f|_{\partial\Omega} = f^*|_{\partial\Omega},$$

Seamless Cloning

- This method can be used to seamlessly merge one image into another at a specific region.



sources/destinations



cloning



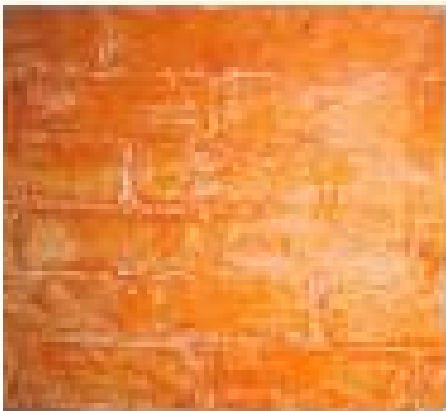
seamless cloning

Other applications

- Different choices of \mathbf{v} (guidance field), gives different image editing applications.
- $\mathbf{v} = \text{grad}(g)$ results in seamless cloning
- Seamless cloning washes out texture details of source image. This is undesirable sometimes

Towards Mixed Cloning

- Source Image:
Cloning



Seamless
(Note the texture)



Mixed Cloning

- $\mathbf{v} = \max(\text{grad}(g), \text{grad}(f^*))$



Texture Flattening

- $\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \text{grad}(g)$ if there is an edge at \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}
- $\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = 0$ otherwise



Conclusion

- There are many other applications that can be derived from this general tool of Poisson Image Editing.
- Local illumination changes to suppress specular reflections, underexposure etc
- Local Colour changes
- Seamless Tiling